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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
MIDLAND/ODESSA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
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v.	)	MO-12-CR-123
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DARLENE AURELIA BISHOP	)	

## FINDINGS OF FACT AND RECOMMENDATION ON FELONY GUILTY PLEA BEFORE THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 636(b), this matter has been referred by the District Court for administration of guilty plea and allocution under Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January 2013,<sup>1</sup> this cause came before the undersigned U.S. Magistrate Judge for Guilty Plea and Allocution of the Defendant, **DARLENE AURELIA BISHOP**,<sup>2</sup> on Count **ONE** of the **INDICTMENT**<sup>3</sup> filed herein charging her with a violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349. The Defendant signed a written consent to plead before the Magistrate Judge. After conducting said proceeding in the form and manner prescribed by FED.R.CRIM.P. 11 the Court finds:

- a) That the Defendant, after consultation with counsel of record, has knowingly and voluntarily consented to the administration of the Guilty Plea and Allocution in this cause by a U.S. Magistrate Judge subject to final approval and imposition of sentence by the District Court.
- b) That the Defendant and the Government have entered into a plea agreement which has been filed and disclosed in open court pursuant to FED.R.CRIM.P. 11(c)(2).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The Defendant was informed by the Court that her plea was viewed as untimely as it was entered beyond the plea deadline, and while she and her attorney may argue to the District Court for acceptance of responsibility credit at sentencing, there is no guarantee that the Defendant will receive such credit. The Defendant stated that she understood and that, regardless, she wished to plead guilty.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The Defendant acknowledged she has been charged under the true and correct name.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The Defendant's plea agreement specifically states that the Defendant will waive any right to property referred to in the criminal forfeiture provisions of the Indictment. The Indictment has a paragraph entitled "Notice of United States of America's Demand for Forfeiture." The Defendant pled "true" that the allegations set forth regarding the forfeiture of personal property, \$579,766.05 (more or less) in U. S. currency, and vehicles detailed in the plea agreement, were in fact the proceeds of criminal activity documented in the Indictment. Therefore, the property, U.S. currency, and vehicles are subject to criminal forfeiture under the provisions of federal law. An exception is noted in the plea agreement and specifically excepts one residence in Odessa, Texas, from forfeiture.

c) That the Defendant is fully competent and capable of entering an informed plea, that the Defendant is aware of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the plea,<sup>4</sup> and that the plea of guilty is a knowing and voluntary plea supported by an independent basis in fact containing each of the essential elements of the offense.

IT IS THEREFORE, the recommendation of the undersigned U.S. Magistrate Judge that the District Court accept the plea agreement and the guilty plea of the Defendant, **DARLENE AURELIA BISHOP** and that **DARLENE AURELIA BISHOP**, be finally adjudged guilty of that offense.

The United States District Clerk shall serve a copy of this Proposed Findings of Fact and Recommendation on all parties electronically. In the event that a party has not been served by the Clerk with this Report and Recommendation electronically, pursuant to the CM/ECF procedures of this District, the Clerk is ORDERED to mail such party a copy of this Report and Recommendation by certified mail, return receipt requested. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), any party who desires to object to this report must serve and file written objections within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy unless the time period is modified by the District Court. A party filing objections must specifically identify those findings, conclusions or recommendation to which objections are being made; the District Court need not consider frivolous, conclusive or general objections. Such party shall file the objections with the Clerk of the Court and serve the objections on the Magistrate Judge and on all other parties. A party's failure to file such objections to the proposed findings, conclusions and recommendation contained in this report shall bar the party from a de novo determination by the District Court. Additionally, any failure to file written objections to the proposed findings, conclusions and recommendation contained in this report within fourteen (14) days after being served with a copy shall bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings of the Magistrate Judge that are accepted or adopted by the District Court, except upon grounds of plain error or manifest injustice.

**SIGNED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013.

United States Magistrate Judge

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>The Defendant was admonished as to the statutory penalty range of up to 20 years imprisonment, a fine not to exceed Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00), a maximum 3 years supervised release, and a One Hundred Dollar (\$100.00) mandatory special assessment. The Defendant was also admonished that she will be required to pay full restitution, whether that amount is agreed upon or disputed at sentencing.